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SUBJECT Station/Operations/PRICAP/Grigoriy GOLUB-- Soviet Efforts to Establish Contacts with Western Representatives in Helsinki

ACTIONS REQUIRED None - for information

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REFERENCE(S)

1. We are sending under separate cover a copy of an Embassy dispatch on the above subject written by Costille at the request of the Counselor of Embassy. We have never attempted to keep our contact with Golub under cover and have periodically informed the Counselor of the status of this contact. He has approved and even encouraged this contact and has suggested bringing in other Embassy officials who might strike up friendships with Soviet officials other than Golub.

2. At the most recent Golub-Costille lunch on 3 August, Golub again hinted at an estrangement between himself and his wife, who is still in the Soviet Union. He asked Costille if Costille could fix him up with a Finnish girl for some evening. Arrangements have been made for a night on the town this Saturday with Costille and date and Golub and a trusted Finnish girl we are certain will give Golub a run for his money. All details will be in the next pouch. The following information came out during this lunch. Golub is a Communist Party member having this honor bestowed upon him at the front during World War II. He also mentioned that practically all Soviet diplomats were CP members. Golub was born in Kharkov but spent most of his pre-World War II life in Kiev. He considers Kiev to be the most beautiful city in the Soviet Union and is extremely proud of his Ukrainian background. Golub now claims that for his next post he would prefer New York City. (This is a reversal, as Golub up to this point has told Costille that he would not like an assignment in the U. S. because of the distance from Moscow.) When asked why New York rather than the Soviet Embassy in Washington, he answered that in New York he could be his own boss while in Washington he would be too much under the thumb of the Ambassador. He did not elaborate on this statement. However, he remarked that if assigned to the U. S. he would insist on intensive English language training in Moscow.

3. We would like to elaborate on Golub's "estrangement" from his wife, since this appears to be about his only vulnerability. Golub without hesitation a number of times has flatly stated that he is glad his wife is on vacation in the Soviet Union and that he has been enjoying his freedom. At the last lunch Costille asked him when his wife was returning. He answered that he did not know and also that he did not care and intimated that she was having a good time in Moscow "probably with some lover." However, we know that he hears from his wife because Golub has mentioned she attended the U. S. exhibition in Moscow. She also phoned him on his birthday, 13 August, from some vacation spot on the Black Sea. Golub has never intimated that she would not be returning to Helsinki following her vacation. Golub has always made these derogatory remarks about his wife rather jokingly and never out of any despondency. He seems to think these remarks will establish him as "one of the boys."

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William L. Costille

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